

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of testing a building alarm system, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing plural notification appliances connected to a system controller, each notification appliance having a test status indicator for indicating notification appliance test status and an alarm indicator for indicating an alarm condition to building occupants;

C1 (b) selecting at the system controller one or more notification appliances to operate; and

(c) communicating from the system controller to each selected notification appliance an instruction to operate its associated test status indicator for verification without operating its associated alarm indicator so as to avoid disrupting the building occupants.

5. (Thrice Amended) An alarm system comprising:

plural notification appliances, each notification appliance having a test status indicator for indicating notification appliance test status and an alarm indicator for indicating an alarm condition to building occupants; and

C2 a system controller connected to the plural notification appliances, the system controller in a test mode selecting one or more notification appliances to operate and communicating to each selected notification appliance an instruction to operate its associated test status indicator for verification without operating its associated alarm indicator.